

## Abraham Lincoln papers

From George B. McClellan to Abraham Lincoln, September 12, 1862

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Washington, D. C., Sept 13 1862.

Hd Qrs A. P. Camp Near Urbana

Sept 12 9 PM.

You will have learned by my telegram to Genl Halleck that we hold Frederick & the line of the Monocacy. I have taken all possible means to communicate with Harpers Ferry so that I may send to its relief if necessary.

Cavalry are in pursuit of the Westminster party with orders to catch them at all hazards The main body of my cavalry & horse arty are ordered after the enemys main column with orders to check its march as much as possible that I may overtake it. If Harpers Ferry is still in our possession I think I can save the garrison if they fight at all. If the Rebels are really marching into Penna. I shall soon be up with them. My apprehension is that they may make for Williamsport & get across the River before I can catch them.

Geo B McClellan

Maj Genl.